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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1877. [156]

The Government to proceed immediately with the construction of a branch line of railway in that district to relieve the distress. To add to our miseries, a large area of the colony is suffering from the ravages of the war, which are overrunning the country in countless thousands, rendering it worthless for maintaining stock, and at this dry season exhausting the water. A Bill dealing with the municipal plague is now before Parliament and will be passed through before the end of the session.

If the drought is proving so fatal to our grain and agriculturalists, it has proved a blessing to thousands of Chinese on the island. There has been no rain there during the last seven months, and the water in the bed of the river is unusually low, presenting nothing but a chain of water holes. For the first time it has been possible to reach the Chinese who have bailed them out, and have in every instance obtained a rich find of gold. It is by this means that they have been enabled to tide over the season so far, and that the said Chinese desolation among them has been averted.

A few cases of leprosy having been discovered among the Chinese here, the Government has been obliged to provide for the isolation of the afflicted persons. A station has been situated some twenty miles north of the port, and about ten miles off the main land. The complaints of the leprosy are supplying buildings and other measures for those to be sent to the station, and the Government has been obliged to provide for the isolation of the afflicted persons.

The Australian Steam Navigation Company have established a line of steamers to run monthly between Sydney and Hongkong, calling at Cebu on the trip each way. The first of the line, the steamship *Orion* (chartered) arrived here from Sydney on the 3rd inst, and sailed for Hongkong on the following day. The steamship *Gunga* will follow next.

A movement is on foot here to open up our coal deposits. The Progress Committee has been provided to the company to develop the coal by boring in different localities and the Government Geological Surveyor for the northern districts, Mr. Jack, is expected here shortly, to undertake a regular survey of the district.

There have been some reports of an iron mine within forty miles of the port, at the Normanby River. The deposits are said to be very rich. One or two Southern capitalists and mining men have been interested in the mine, and with a view to purchasing mineral lands, gold mining—reading—is exceedingly full, for want of sufficient water to supply the crushing machines, and for want of means to cart the quartz from the claims. The latter matter arises from the scarcity of food. There is a feeling amongst the residents of the Northern Territory (Port Darwin) in favour of annexation to Northern Queensland, with the object of forming a fifth Australian Colony. At the proposed new colony would be altogether within the tropics, it would, no doubt, differ in its political, as well as in its natural features from its Southern sisters.

The Bill dividing the Northern Territory into four Districts is not to be proceeded with this Session. Its withdrawal will probably bring additional supporters to the party of territorial separation.

The beach-reef fishing in the surrounding sea is being rapidly developed, and all the fish finds its way to the Cooktown market.

The formation of our Cooktown streets is now approaching completion, and the work has improved the appearance of the town. Several fine two-story buildings are in course of erection, and although there are complaints of dullness in trade, no one can deny the fact that the appearance of a thriving and civilized community.

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At the eight hours demonstration yesterday the procession numbered thousands.

His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson presided at the meeting on Monday for the relief of the sufferers by the Indian famine.

October 11th.
A dissolution of the New South Wales Parliament will be proclaimed to-morrow.

October 12th.
Nearly two thousand pounds were subscribed last night in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, of which amount Messrs. John Fraser & Co. contributed five hundred pounds. The sum of the money raised for the relief of the sufferers by the Indian famine.

The Hawaiian Government have purchased the schooner *Starbird*, to take labourers from the South Sea to Honolulu, for the purpose of augmenting the population.

VICTORIA.
MELBOURNE, September 27th.
The divorce trial, *Macarthy v. Macarthy*, is creating great interest, and the correspondence is most extraordinary, showing great depravity in circles where it was least expected to be found. Mr. Macarthy, a Dr. Macarthy, of the law, has been to the passage in Canada for the sake of obtaining the insurance; monitoring the three unfortunates, Balloy, Scott, and Williams, in Fiji. He also charges him with the conversion of the money to the purchase of a house in the use of medicine and baths; of forgery, systematic ill-treatment, and neglect; of communicating a venereal disease, of perjury, of fraud, of adultery with the governess, Miss Hart, and others, &c., &c. Dr. Macarthy, on the other hand, charges his wife with adultery with Mr. P. L. Smyth, M.L.A., barrister, Captain, of the Navy, and many other charges. The case is likely to last several days. Dr. Macarthy is also a member of Parliament.

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The Macarthy divorce case was concluded, after a long cross-examination of the respondent. Judgment is reserved.

Messrs. John Potter and Co., corrugated iron merchants, have sold 10,000 plates, 25,000. The sale has been successful.

At a sale to-day 12,000 packages were sold at full market rates. Cornsacks, 10s., with an upward tendency.

October 1st.
A preliminary meeting was held to-day in reference to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, where the sum of \$2,500 was subscribed. Mr. M. J. O'Connell gave £2,000, and the other gentlemen £100 each. A general canvass will be made in support of the fund.

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The Government intend to introduce a Bill this session for providing for the fortifications recommended by Sir William Jervois. With these works completed, a smaller number of men than the Volunteer force will be required; but the force must be made more efficient, and the use of the drills will be compulsory. The State will have to remunerate the men for the time devoted to drill. A Military Forces Bill will be introduced next session.

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The capture of the *Harpe-Orientale* has attracted attention to Curtis Island, in the South Pacific, as being laid down 40 miles too far to the westward according to Timmy's chart; and Nassau being 40 miles too far to the east of its correct position.

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Wicked man, to mate a jest
When you see me so distress!
If the cause of all my woe
You are anxious, sir, to know,
Learn it is with rage I cry,
For at church this morning I
Wore a bonnet, French and new,
And Mrs. Smith had not one too.

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	Saigon	Carlew	double-screw gun-ruled	3	160	Com. E. S. Church	Shanghai
rr & Co	Cebu	Eclair	screw sloop	4	120	Com. A. L. Douglas	Kobe

		FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR IN HARBOUR.				
		NAME.	NATION.	GUNS.	H. P.	CAPTAIN.
Shanghai	C. Colombo	Italian corvette	—	—	—	Canevaro

CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.

1877.						
		NAME.	FLAG AND RIG.	GUNS AND R.F.	CAPTAIN.	STATION.
1877.	Amoy	An-lau	Vietnam's gunboat	7 321 70	Godsil	Tong-king gulf
		Chee-hing	Revenue cutter	2 30 20		
		Chia-ku	Vietnam's gunboat	7 321 70	Stewart	Swatow
		Chia-jui	Revenue cruiser	3 80 30	Collins	Macao
1877.	Hankow	Cheung-wan		3 20 20		West coast

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		Chung-ko	Revenue cruiser	6	180	23	Chung-wing-ai	
		Teh-king-ang	Victory's gunboat	6	180	23	Mo-wei	Pagoda
		Teh-king-ang	Victory's gunboat	2	125	40	Chinese Admiral	Bago Forte
		Teh-king-ang	Victory's gunboat	6	180	20	d'Almeida	West Coast
		Teh-king-ang	Revenue cruiser	2	150	40	Salt Commissioner	West Coast Ports
		Sheng-chao-hai	Revenue cruiser	4	100	40		
		Quang-ai	Victory's gunboat	4	120	40	Liu-ping-tie	Bago Forte
		Ser-rit	Revenue cruiser	5	180	40		Chung-chow
		Sai-king	Victory's gunboat	4	180	60	Caldes	Hai-ling-shan
		Lai-sho	Revenue cruiser	6	180	23	McLashi	Canton River
		Tai-shan	Revenue cruiser	2	150	40		Bago Forte

Army's gunboat	3	100	33	Chinese Admiral	Bogue Forts
Army's gunboat	2	125	40		

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